GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services — Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri A. Venkappa, Forest Beat Officer, Velgoda Range, Wildlife Management Division Atmakur – Inquiry finalized and findings received - Imposition of penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of one year - Show-Cause-Notice issued – Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 23 Dated: 01-03-2016.
Read the following:

1.From the Prl.CCF Lr.Rc.No.33006/2006/K2, Dt:09.11.2009.
2. Govt. Memo.No.8065/For.IV/A2/2006, Dated:01.06.2015.
3. From Sri A. Venkappa, FBO, explanation dt. 20.07.2015
4. From the PCCF, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr. Rc. No. 33006/2009/Vig-4, dt. 10.08.2015.
5. Govt. Letter No.8065/For.IV/A2/2009, Dated:21.01.2016.
6. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.103/DC&C/2/2016, dt.15.02.2016.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has informed that disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri A. Venkappa, Forest Beat Officer, Velgoda Range, Wildlife Management Division Atmakur and an Article of Charges were issued to Charged Officer by DFO, Wildlife Management, Atmakur vide DFO, Rc.No. 731/2008/M, dt. 31.05.2008 on the following count:

Article – I:

"Gross neglect of duty resulting in misappropriation of Rs. 50,848/- and drawn funds after closing of financial year i.e., after 31.03.2007".

Article – II:

"Gross neglect of duty resulting in opening of new records without prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer".

Article – III:

"Gross neglect of duty resulting non submission of cash accounts to the DFO for the month of 3/2007 and misguided".

2. The charged officer has acknowledged the Article of Charge on 15.05.2008 and submitted his explanation on 17.05.2008. Not satisfying with the explanation of the Charged Officer, the DFO, Wildlife Management, Atmakur has conducted the inquiry and submitted his findings.

3. After conducting inquiry, the Inquiry Officer, has furnished the findings concluding that the charges framed against Sri A. Venkappa, Forest Beat Officer, Velgoda Range, Wildlife Management Division Atmakur are held proved. The Findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer, vide DFO Rc. No.731/2008/M, dt. 15.05.2009 and the charged officer has submitted his further defense on 23.05.2009 wherein he has denied the conclusion arrived by the Inquiry Authority.

4. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2008. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, it is observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and it was provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "2 % cut in pension for one year" against Sri A. Venkappa Forest Beat Officer (Retd), under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 2nd cited. The Retired Officer has submitted his explanation to the Show-Cause-Notice through the reference 4th cited wherein he has not put forth any new points.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri A. Venkappa, Forest Beat Officer, Velgoda Range, Wildlife Management Division Atmakur, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Prl.Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.103/DC&C/2/2016, dt.15.02.2016).
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SECTION OFFICER